

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Continuation

Application of prior Application

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For: PROCESS FOR MAKING A  
VERSATILE CLAMPING DEVICE  
DESIGNED TO HOLD OBJECTS  
WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH  
A DEVICE AND ITS USE

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Examiner: Tom Hughes

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ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the just filed continuation application on 12/29/95, before any action, after having entered the previous amendment filed on 09/05/95, please amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 2, line 31, after "shapes", delete "unlike what", and insert in its place -  
-, which --;

Page 4, line 34, at the beginning of the line, delete "unlike", and insert  
instead of it -- like --;

IN THE CLAIMS

Please, rewrite claims 1-6, 9-10 and 12-14 in amended form and insert new claims  
15-18:

1. (six times amended) The method of making a device for holding  
objects by clamping without any risk at all of damaging them comprising the  
steps of:

- a) providing a cylindrical support part [with a section circular or  
not ,
- b) placing on said support part two arms of which one at least is  
movable along said support part,
- c) securing to one of said two arms at a distance from said support  
part one substantially elastic buffer having under its contact face, which is  
[essentially] approximately at a right angle to said support part, a so large  
thickness that said buffer could act as a compression spring.

--2. (six times amended) A device for holding objects by clamping  
without any risk at all of damaging them, comprising: